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MICHIGAN'S NAVAL HISTORY



SHIPS



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USS Michigan (SSGN 727)

USS Michigan (SSGN 727) was commissioned Sept. 11, 1982, as a ballistic missile submarine (SSBN). She was redesignated as a guided missile submarine (SSGN) on Jan. 30, 2004. USS Michigan (SSGN 727) is the third U.S. ship to bear the name. She is homeported in Bremerton, Washington, and is forward-deployed throughout the Pacific.

More than 32 ships have been named after the state of Michigan, its cities, places, and people. A few of those include:

USS Alcona (AK 157), 1944
USS Allegan (AK 225), 1944
USS Antrim (AK 159), 1944
USS Berrien (APA 62), 1944
USS Charlevoix (AK 168), 1945
USS Clinton (APA 144), 1945
USS Cronin (DE 704), 1944
Detroit I (Sloop-of-War), 1813
Detroit III (C 10), 1893
USS Detroit (CL 8), 1923
USS Detroit (AOE 4), 1970
USS Detroit (LCS 7), 2016
Erie I (Sloop-of-War), 1813
USS Erie (PG 50), 1936
USS Flint (CL 97), 1944
USS Flint (AE 32), 1971

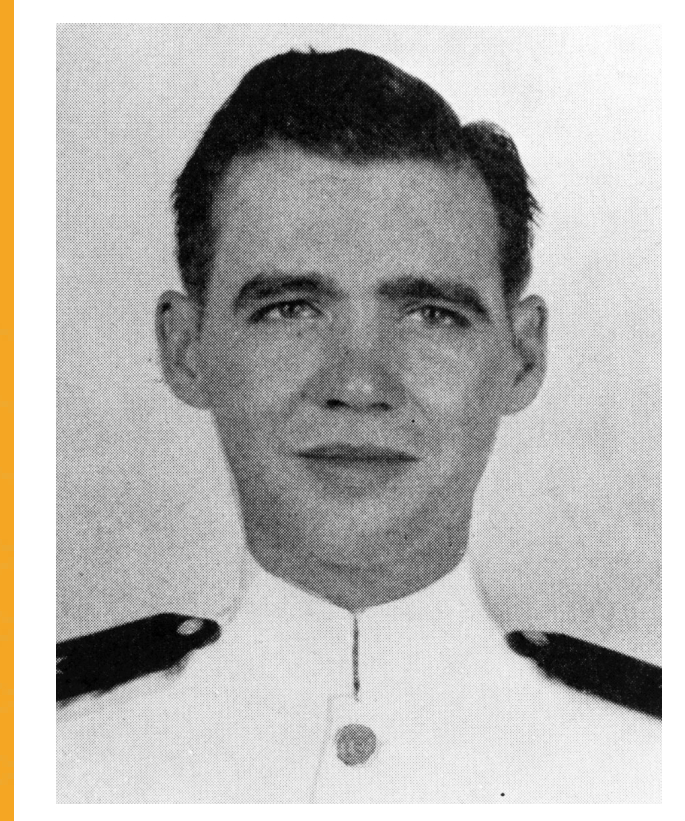
USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), 2017
USS Grand Island (PF 14), 1944
USS Grand Rapids (PF 31), 1944
USS Hammerberg (OE 1015), 1955
Huron I (Screw Steamer), 1862
Huron II (Sloop-Rigged Steamer), 1875
USS Kalamazoo (AOG 30), 1944
USS Lake Erie (Id. No. 2190), 1918
USS Lake Erie (CG 70), 1993
USS Lake Huron (Id. No. 1408), 1918
USS Lake Superior (Steamer), 1918
USS Mackinac (AVP 13), 1942
Michigan I (Screw Steamer), 1844
USS Michigan (BB 27), 1910
USS Michigan (SSGN 727), 1982
USS William C. Lawe (DD 763), 1946

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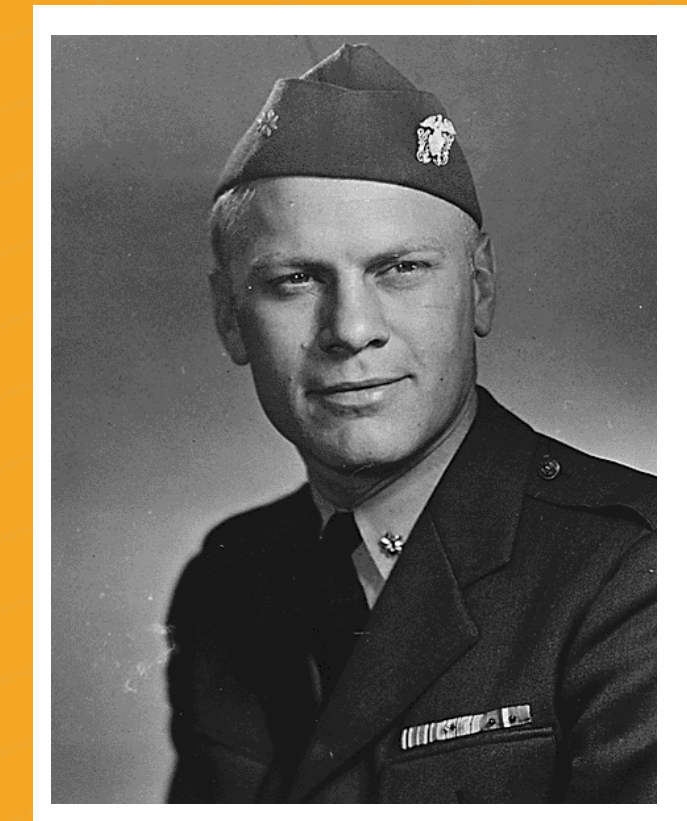
Roger Bruce Chaffee Naval Officer & NASA Astronaut

Roger Bruce Chaffee was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan., Feb. 15, 1935. He was a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Purdue University and received his commission upon graduation in 1957. In October 1963 NASA selected Chaffee as an astronaut, then later, chose him as one of three pilots for the Apollo program's first three-man orbital mission, Apollo I. A flash fire in the Apollo Saturn 204 test vehicle during a simulated launch at Kennedy Space Center took Chaffee's life on Jan. 27, 1967.



Ensign Francis Flaherty Medal of Honor Recipient

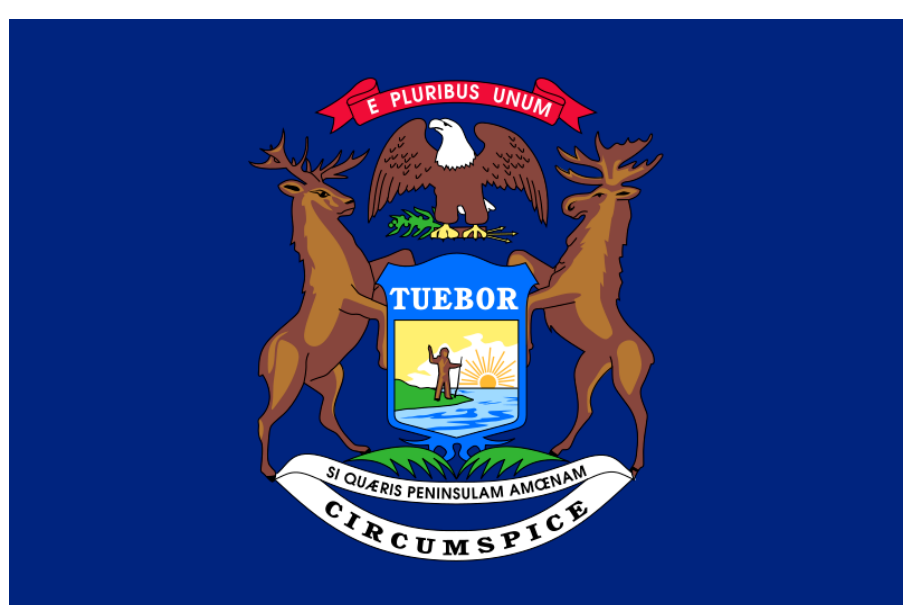
Francis Charles Flaherty was born in Charlotte, Michigan, March 15, 1919. During the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, while USS Oklahoma (BB 37) was capsizing, Flaherty remained in a gun turret holding a flashlight, permitting others to see in order to escape. For his sacrificial heroism on that day, Ensign Flaherty was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The escort ship USS Flaherty (DE 135) was named in honor of Ensign Flaherty.



Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. Naval Officer & U.S. President

Born Leslie King, Jr. July 14, 1913 in Omaha, Nebraska, Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. was raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was a graduate and football player of the University of Michigan and, in 1941, earned his law degree from Yale University. Ford received his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve and served 47 months of active duty during World War II, eventually achieving the rank of lieutenant commander. In 1974, he became the 38th President of the United States.

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Did You Know...?

On Michigan's state seal, the shield is held by an elk on the left and a moose on the right. Michigan is on an international boundary, and the figure of the man shows his right hand raised in peace. The left hand holds a gun, signifying that although they support peace, they are ready to defend their state and nation. At the top of the shield, the word "Tuebor," meaning, "I will defend," refers to Michigan's frontier position.

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Navy Operational Support Centers

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NAVAL ROTC UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps

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